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APG Prepares for Family Housing Privatization

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. –

Potential developers, contractors and property managers interested in partnering with the Army to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate family housing at Aberdeen Proving Ground are invited to participate in a Residential Communities Initiative Industry Forum for the Privatization of Family Housing in Baltimore at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel on March 14.

Interested parties are also invited to visit APG on March 13 for a site visit.

The forum is hosted by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment and will cover privatizing family housing at APG as well as Fort Huachuca and Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona and Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely in Alaska.

The RCI program emphasizes the Army's commitment to new business practices and transformation. It will enable the Army to improve housing more quickly and at a lower life-cycle cost than through the use of traditional military construction and ensure the long-term sustainment of adequate family housing. For more information about the Army RCI program visit www.rci.army.mil.

Under RCI the Army engages with private sector firms in public-private partnerships to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate family housing. These partnerships typically take the form of Limited Liability Companies, with the private sector entity serving as the managing member of the LLC. The business agreements associated with these privatization transactions include a ground lease of the family housing footprint, conveyance of housing units and ancillary facilities in the housing area to the developer, and an operating agreement describing the partners' responsibilities. A typical partnership agreement will be for a 50-year period with an option to extend an additional 25 years.

The RCI program currently includes 45 installations/sub-installations, grouped into 35 projects (86, 273 homes), -- approximately 98 percent of the Army's family housing inventory in the United States.